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Malabar. These poor destitutes are suffering a lot. The Government must make some more grant to the destitute homes in Malabar and places in Tamil Nad also so that they may take in these poor destitutes into these homes. Will the Government come forward to take this as a serious, immediate and urgent problem and sanction relief accordingly instead of expecting natural conditions to recall them to their own homes? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Yes, Sir, we have asked the Collector to house these beggars in the Kozhikode Poor Home until they can go back to their places and the Government have promised to meet the expenses thereto."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" பட்டினிச் சாவு என்பது கிடையாது என்று அரசாங்கம் பெரும்பாலும் கூறி வருகிறது. பட்டினி சாவுக்கு வியாக்யானம் அரசாங்க தரப்பிலிருந்து என்ன தரப்படுகிறது என்பதை அறிந்து கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " The paraphrase is that starvation death is not death which the hon. Members think of."

Award of prizes for the best books in Tamil and Malayalam.

* 309 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to award prizes for the best books in Tamil and Malayalam for 1952–53 ; and

(*b*) what is the value of each prize and what is the basis on which prize amounts are fixed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) According to the scheme relating to the award of prize for the best books, three prizes of the value of Rs. 500 each have to be awarded to the authors of the best books in Malayalam and six prizes of the value of Rs. 500 each to the authors of the best books in Tamil. But in 1952–53, the executive committee of the Pan-Kerala Academy decided to award prizes of Rs. 250 each for the six best books in Malayalam (instead of three prizes at Rs. 500 each, as the literary quality of the books selected did not deserve Rs. 500 each and also to encourage more authors. The Academy's recommendation was accepted.

As for the Tamil books, the Tamil Academy recommended the award of only five prizes for the best books selected by the judges appointed by it. The recommendation was accepted."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the Government have decided to award prizes for the best book written in Kannada? If not, what is the basis for such discrimination? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In this question, reference has been made only to Tamil and Malayalam. I will consider the suggestion made by the hon Member."